

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-27 are pending. By this Amendment, the specification is amended to provide the continuity data.

The Examiner is request to consider the information listed in the Information Disclosure Statement filed with this application.

Examination and allowance in due course are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



Mario A. Costantino  
Registration No. 33,565

MAC/ccs

Date: July 2, 2003

**OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC**  
**P.O. Box 19928**  
**Alexandria, Virginia 22320**  
**Telephone: (703) 836-6400**

<p><b>DEPOSIT ACCOUNT USE AUTHORIZATION</b> Please grant any extension necessary for entry; Charge any fee due to our Deposit Account No. 15-0461</p>
---